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Illegal sale of rice in a ration shop under the Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Kongod, South Malabar.

* 870 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there was illegal sale of rice in ration shop No. 198 under the Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Limited, Kongod, South Malabar, and, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes. On verification of the accounts of the Ration shop No. 198, Kongad, it was found that the Manager of the shop issued excess ration of about 14 bags by making double and triple issues of ration on many ration cards and that he had misappropriated certain quantity of foodgrains by issuing ration in excess of the prescribed scale and also falsified the accounts. For these irregularities the President of the Society imposed upon the Manager a fine of Rs. 150 and kept him under suspension. Subsequently the Society filed a complaint with the Police and investigation is proceeding. As it is found that ration shops under the Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society, Kongad in Palghat taluk are not functioning properly and as the President and Secretary of the Society are not having proper control over the ration shop Manager, the District Supply Officer is examining the question of relieving the Society of its work of distribution of foodgrains."

Aid to ayurvedic institutions or colleges in Malabar.

* 871 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Keraleeya Ayurvedic Samajam Hospital and College, Shoranur, Malabar, for aid or subvention and if so what action has been taken thereon ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any representation for aid from any other ayurvedic institutions or colleges in Malabar and if so, whether they have been given any assistance?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Keraleeya Ayurvedic Society, a registered institution in Kannanore, North Malabar as Managers of Madava Memorial Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Kannanore, have submitted a memorandum on 22nd August 1952 to the Hon. the Chief Minister, on 12th January 1953 to the Hon. Minister for Industries and on 26th February 1954 to the Government of Madras for financial aid, in view of the fact that the institution which is recognized but not given grant is on the verge of collapse unless Government come forward to give some financial aid. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to look into the matter and take suitable action for the continuance of this glorious institution in Kannanore? "